

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Canceled)
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21. (Currently Amended) A stent having first and second ends with an intermediate section therebetween, the stent further having a longitudinal axis, and both an unexpanded and expanded configuration comprising:

- (a) a plurality of longitudinally disposed struts, wherein each strut defines a wave having no straight sections along the longitudinal axis; the spatial frequency of the wave associated with each of the struts being different in a first end region lying proximate to one of said ends in comparison to the spatial frequency of the wave in the intermediate section; and
- (b) a plurality of links for maintaining the struts in a tubular structure;  
wherein said frequency is greater in said first end region.

22. (Currently Amended) A stent having first and second ends with an intermediate section therebetween and a longitudinal axis, and both an unexpanded and expanded configuration comprising:

said unexpanded configuration comprises a plurality of longitudinally disposed wave-shaped struts each of the wave-shaped struts having no straight sections; and

a plurality of circumferential links for maintaining the struts in a tubular structure at a plurality of locations along said strut, wherein said strut is connected to an adjacent strut by a separate link, each link being axially displaced from any circumferentially adjacent link.